

THE 123RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1992 PRESIDENT STEVE MCENDREE PRESIDED.

JOE KASZA GAVE THE INVOCATION. THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO JR. CATTLEMAN'S GROUP LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SKIP RUDEMAN OF THE LAMAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GAVE THE WELCOME.

ROSS NIELSEN & JIM REHFELD PRESENTED AWARDS TO THE EXHIBITORS OF THE CHAMPION BREEDING BEEF IN EACH OF THE 5 COUNTIES. PRESENT TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS WERE: RYAN DAVIS, BENT; ELGIN ELMORE, PROWERS; AND MATT RUSHER, OTERO. NOT PRESENT WERE RONNA DEEDS, BACA AND CANDIS BUTLER, KIOWA COUNTY.

KAYE KASZA GAVE THE SOUTHEAST COLORADO CATTLEMAN'S REPORT ON HER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES. SHE INTRODUCED NORMA GOBBO, THE COLORADO CATTLEWOMEN'S PRESIDENT. ALSO RECOGNIZED WAS MARILYN WEBER AS THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF NCA.

PRESIDENT MCENDREE INTRODUCED CCA PRESIDENT JIM CHANCELLOR. HE DISCUSSED TWO GROUPS WHICH WERE FORMED TO HELP THE INDUSTRY. THE CIA CATTLE INDUSTRY ACTIVISTS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO IMPROVE PASTURE & RANGE CONDITIONS. AND THE INDUSTRY IMAGE PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES THE CATTLEMAN'S TRUE PURPOSE & IMAGE TO THE PUBLIC. THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING AN AUTHORITY WITH THE STATE BRAND BOARD WAS DISCUSSED.

CORWIN BROWN REPORTED ON THE STATE LAND ISSUE. THERE IS STILL CONTROVERSY ON HAVING THREE LEASES ON ONE PARCEL OF LAND (HUNTING, GRAZING, AND RECREATION LEASES).

NEXT ON THE AGENDA WAS A PRESENTATION BY DAVID JOHNSON AND JIM TRUJILLO OF THE SIERRA CLUB ON THE VIEWPOINT OF THE CATTLE INDUSTRY BY THE SIERRA CLUB AND EARTH FIRST.

PRESIDENT MCENDREE ANNOUNCED THAT MILTON RINK AND HANS HASSER HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO CCA YOUNG CATTLEMAN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN DENVER.

STATE BRAND COMMISSIONER, GARY SHOUN, WAS INTRODUCED HE DISCUSSED SB 170 WHICH WOULD PUT THE BRAND BOARD UNDER AN AUTHORITY.

MEL DEPRA, AREA WILDLIFE SUPERVISOR FOR D.O.W., REPORTED ON A PUBLIC MEETING DEALING WITH THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE BLACK FOOTED FERRET AND THE COMPETITIVE SHOOTING REFERENDUM.

REPRESENTATIVE BRAD YOUNG GAVE A LEGISLATIVE REPORT. REPRESENTATIVE MIKE SALAS STATED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED

IN OUR CONCERNS IN THE CATTLE INDUSTRY. CONGRESSMAN WAYNE ALLARD DISCUSSED PROBLEMS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

SPARKY TURNER OF SENATOR BROWN'S OFFICE REPORTED ON THE CLEAN WATER ACT, GRAZING FEES, AND REAPPORTIONMENT. SENATOR BROWN HAS BEEN PROMOTING BEEF, ESPECIALLY OVER SEAS.

CHRIS WEBER GAVE A REPORT ON THE JUNIOR CATTLEMAN'S ORGANIZATION.

STEVE PTOLEMY REPORTED THAT THROUGH THE PEN OF 10 SHOW THE BENT-PROWERS GROUP SOLD TO BRING IN MONEY FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

HAROLD YODER REPORTED ON THE CCA BUILDING FUND.

BUSINESS MEETING

DOUG HASSER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 1991 ANNUAL MEETING AS PRINTED. 2ND BY MILTON RINK. MOTION PASSED.

MILTON RINK GAVE THE AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOVED THEY BE ADOPTED. 2ND BY ROSS NIELSEN. MOTION PASSED.

CLYDE MCENDREE GAVE THE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND REPORT. ROSS NIELSEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. 2ND BY JIM REHFELD. MOTION PASSED.

JIM REHFELD GAVE THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.
#1 CONCERNS COLORADO BEEF COUNCIL
#2 CONCERNS COLORADO BRAND BOARD AUTHORITY (SB170)
#3 CONCERNS COMMERCIAL MEMBERS
#4 CONCERNED WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS (HB1284)
#5 MEMORIALS TO DECEASED MEMBERS
JIM REHFELD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS #1 THRU #5.
2ND BY STEVE PTOLEMY. MOTION PASSED.

NOMINATING CHAIRMAN JIM SCHLEINING NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1992:

PRESIDENT, ROSS NIELSEN; 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, JIM REHFELD; 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, STEVE PTOLEMY; SECRETARY-TREASURER, TERESA KEENAN; PAST PRESIDENTS, STEVE MCENDREE, JIM SCHLEINING, AND PAT KARNEY; DIRECTORS FROM BACA COUNTY, MARK MOVEY, CORWIN BROWN, BILL SPARKS, AND JESS PERKINS; DIRECTORS FROM BENT COUNTY, JOHN SMARTT, TERRY DEAT, JOC KASZA, AND ARTHUR DAVIS; DIRECTORS FROM FLOWERS COUNTY, TIM BRANN, HANS HASSER, RAY HAYS, AND MILTON RINK; DIRECTORS FROM KIOWA COUNTY, VIRGEL LESSENDEN, KENT JOHNSTON, AND BRUCE FICKENSCHER; DIRECTORS FROM OTERO COUNTY, DAVID MENDENHALL AND BILL GRAY. JIM SCHLEINING MOVED TO ADOPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS BY

UNANIMOUS BALLOT. 2ND BY STEVE PTOLEMY. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT MCENDREE THEM PASSED THE BENT-PROWERS PRESIDENTS
BUCKLE DONATED BY THE BARNES FAMILY TO THE NEW PRESIDENT,
ROSS NIELSEN. EVERYONE WAS REMINDED OF THE PUNCHBOWL AND
BANQUET TO BE HELD AT THE COW PALACE.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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TERESA KEENAN
SECRETARY

COLORADO BEEF COUNCIL
STRUCTURE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS: The Colorado Beef Council was formed by a referendum vote of producers to serve the beef industry of Colorado, and,

WHEREAS: The Beef Council is made of an eight person board made up of five producer members and three non-producer members, all appointed, and,

WHEREAS: The present board consists of eight members; six are from the northeast quarter, one from Canon City and one from Montrose, thus creating a board that does not proportionally represent all segments of beef producers in the State and/or their interests and concerns, evidenced by a national survey done in 1990 that indicated 61% of all producers in Colorado were unsatisfied with the information they receive regarding how Colorado's checkoff of dollars are being spent as compared with 51% nationally, and,

WHEREAS: Senate Bill-170 which would have corrected many of these problems was defeated due to the intense lobbying efforts against the bill by the staff and board members of the Colorado Beef Council, lobbying that smacked of self-preservation and possibly illegal, since the original authority expressly prohibits "expenditure of checkoff dollars for the purpose of influencing Governmental actions."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record and recommends that a Task Force be formed under the direction of the State Secretary of Agriculture, comprised of a representative from the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the Colorado Cattle Feeders Association, Colorado Farm Bureau, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Colorado State Grange, Colorado Cattle Women and the Western Dairy Association.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Task Force be specifically directed to investigate the possibility of conducting a referendum of all Colorado beef producers to amend the Beef Council structure. This referendum would let the beef producers in Colorado determine for themselves the merits of the present council structure.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommends that the Task Force consider the structure of the Colorado Beef Council Board be made up of nine producer representatives, four cow/calf representatives, four feedlot representatives and one dairy representative, and that they must be equally proportioned throughout the State and must be voted on by beef producers instead of by Governor appointment.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Task Force be further directed to investigate if the present Board of Directors, staff and employees of the Colorado Beef Council violated any laws, rules or regulations in their lobby efforts in the Senate Agricultural Committee and to the Governor himself.

SENATE BILL 170
CONCERNING "COLORADO BRAND BOARD AUTHORITY"

WHEREAS: Brands, brand inspection and Colorado brand laws are very important to protection of livestock owned by the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, and,

WHEREAS: The Colorado Brand Board is funded entirely from the beef producers in this State and does not pose any expense to the State of Colorado, nor does it require subsidy funding, and,

WHEREAS: On a regular basis a budget crunched Legislature attempts to dip into Brand Board funds to fund other deficiencies, and,

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 170 will create a "Brand Board Authority" quite similar to the State Fair and will once and for all stop the attempts to raid its funds, which in turn would drive up livestock inspections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record of supporting Senate Bill 170 and its passage on the floor of the Legislation.

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~~RESOLUTIONS~~
Commercial Members

WHEREAS: The continued success of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is in no small part dependent upon our many loyal commercial members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association publicly thanks each one for their support and encourages our membership to seek them out and support their businesses.

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MEMORIAL TO DECEASED MEMBERS

WHEREAS: During the past year Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association has lost some of its valued members. Please stand with me for a moment of silence in their honor.

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Resolution

Whereas many of our local schools are classified as "small attendance" (150 students or less), and whereas HB 1284 would reclassify These Schools as "Rural", and provide approxamately \$2700 less dollars per student it could force consolidation. Whereas this would only save less than 2% of the school budget deficit, and close many schools.

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers go on record to oppose House Bill #1284. Be it further resolved to send a copy of this resolution to our senators and representatives, and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.